



The Catholic Parishes of Saint Francis of Assisi, Nailsea & Saint Joseph, Portishead



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Sunday 19th January 2025
Second Week in Ordinary Time

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Saturday	Confessions 9.45-10am St Francis 5.15-5.45pm St Joseph	Today's Readings	Tuesday 2pm-3pm St Francis
Sunday	5.15-5.45pm St Francis		Wednesday 12noon-11pm St Joseph Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30-6pm
Wednesday	6.15-6.45pm St Francis		

Liturgy this week

Sat 18 th Jan	9.15am St Francis Mass	
	6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	<i>Roisin & Sean Kelleher</i>
Sun 19 th Jan	9am St Joseph Mass	
	11am St Francis Mass	<i>Kath Shannon (RIP)</i>
	6pm St Francis Mass	
Mon 20 th Jan	No Mass today	
Tues 21 st Jan	<i>Memorial of Saint Agnes</i>	
	10am St Josephs Morning Prayer	
	1.20pm St Joseph's School Mass	
Wed 22 nd Jan	<i>Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i>	
	7pm St Francis Mass – Hall Meeting Room	
Thur 23 rd Jan	9.15am St Francis Mass – Hall Meeting Room	
Fri 24 th Jan	<i>Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales</i>	
	No Mass today	
	10am St Joseph Morning Prayer	
Sat 25 th Jan	<i>Feast of the conversion of Saint Paul. Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	
	No Morning Mass	
	6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	<i>Eddie Parsons (Ann RIP)</i>

Please note that there is Mass at 10am in Clevedon every day preceded by morning prayer at 9.45am and a Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturdays at 6.30pm and Mass in Yatton on Sundays at 8.30am.

WORLD PEACE SUNDAY 2025 – SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales designate the second Sunday in Ordinary Time every year as 'Peace Sunday', a day when every parish is encouraged to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace that year. Pope Francis' theme for 2025 is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be the White Flower appeal in both churches this weekend. This organisation promotes the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death and helps women in crisis pregnancies.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's school will celebrate Mass on **Tuesday 21st January at 1.20pm** to which all parishioners are welcome to attend. This will replace the usual morning Mass.

MASSES AT ST FRANCIS

We received a call from the builders, this week, to say that they will be starting work on the roof on **Monday 19th January**. Our thanks to various parishioners who have offered to oversee the logistics of the temporary move to the hall.

Mass will be celebrated in the hall:

Saturday 4.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

Capacity in the hall is about 100. Weekday Mass will be celebrated in the meeting room on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

The church will be out of bounds for the duration of the building work. The sacristy can be accessed through the house but only for Fr Frank to vest and the counters after 11.00am Mass.

Confessions will be from 3.15 – 3.45pm on a Saturday and by knocking on the presbytery door at any time.

During the time that the work is taking place there will be a consultation on weekend Mass times in both Nailsea and Portishead.

Baptisms and Funerals will not be able to take place in Nailsea during the work and will have to be transferred to Portishead or Clevedon.

There will be no communion from the chalice at Masses in the hall.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Parish Fish and Chips Quiz Night. Friday 21st February 7.00pm, St Francis Church Hall.

HOLIDAYS

Fr. Frank will be away from 23rd – 31st January. Fr. Philip Beisly will say the two Masses in Nailsea on Sunday 26th January. Fr. Antony Collins O.F.M. will say the Vigil Mass in Portishead and Fr. Tony Baya O.F.M. will say the Sunday 9am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please keep our children and young people preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in your prayers.

SOUND SYSTEM – ST FRANCIS

Apologies for the sound problem with the livestream in Nailsea. The people who deal with the system were due to come on the January 29th but this will now need to be rearranged due to restricted access to the church. In the meantime, a local gentleman has looked at the system and we hope the sound is better. May we ask that nobody moves the angle of the microphones at the lectern: They are omni-directional and quite powerful.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2025

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Several events will take place locally on and around January 27th, including a pop-up art installation involving a 2nd generation Holocaust survivor in Portishead and Pill libraries (Tuesday 28th January-Saturday 1st February), and a short service by the memorial tree at Lions Green, Nailsea at 10am on Monday January 27th. For further information see www.hmd-north-somerset.com or ask Alison Delaplace.

HOLY DOORS

It is a custom to have a holy door in each diocese every holy year. In Clifton Diocese there are holy doors in the Cathedral and at the church in Glastonbury. Please see the diocesan website for updates.

JOINT PARISH LINE DANCING

Friday 31st January 2025, 7pm-10pm St Francis Hall. Join Shelley-Anne Douglas and some of her dancers for an evening of line dancing to lots of different music. No previous experience required and no partners needed! Please bring your own drinks and snacks plus suitable footwear. Tea and coffee will be available. Cost is £5 per person-please sign up and pay after Sunday mass or email shelleyanne.douglas@gmail.com. All proceeds to The Julian Trust: <https://www.juliantrust.org.uk/>

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The Journey continues next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in St Francis' Hall. We will talk about **Baptism and Confirmation**. Why do we need sacraments? What difference does a sacrament make, especially Confirmation? We try to find answers to these and other questions in a friendly and informal setting, with the help of a video, Scripture, and the Catechism. All welcome. Refreshments provided. See Deacon Didier for more details.

FILM NIGHT

Our next joint parish film night will take place on Friday 14th March at 7.00pm when we will watch Fr Frank's all-time favourite 'Mass Appeal' Bring your own drinks. Tea / coffee provided. We would love to show 'The Two Popes' at the next film night. Does anyone have a DVD of this that we could use? Thank you.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

If you are in a position to donate this week we would appreciate:

- UHT milk
- UHT juice
- Coffee of any size or brand
- Meat products such as curry, chilli, stew

Also if you have any spare clean carrier bags or bags for life we would really appreciate them. Please leave your donations in the trolley in the church lobby. Many thanks.

BUCKFAST PILGRIMAGE

It is great to have so many people signed up for our Joint Parish trip to Buckfast. If you haven't paid the remaining balance, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay in cash, on the parish website or on the card machine at St Francis' Church. If you do pay online, please let Anne-Marie or Shelley-Anne know that you have done this. Thank you. There will be a short briefing, in the hall, after all Masses Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd February.

CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Please look out your good used clothes for our annual collection for South Africa. The clothes will go to Nazareth House in Port Elizabeth where they will be shared between the people who use the Soup Kitchen and the Sisters of Mercy who will take some for the very poor people they work with. Clothes to suit men, women and children, winter and summer clothes in good, clean condition will all be very welcome and can be left in the Church foyer. Thank you, Paula Swift 07954603363

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following a recent initiative from the Diocese on the development of Parish Pastoral Councils our Joint PPC met for an away day last week. The PPC has adopted a style of gracious listening and speaking with an openness to work of the Holy Spirit leading us to action.

Who You Are

This is both simple and not simple:

give your everything to God;

God will do with it, and with you,
what is perfect and true.

But you cannot, should not,

worry yourself about outcomes;

God will do what God will, with the nothing-ness of your all. Trust in this; the rest will follow.

Meister Eckhart's Darkness and Light

We have gathered some of the reflections of the parishioners who were part of the day.

"It was a prayerful, gentle, deeply, reflective, and thought-provoking day, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. There was an overall feeling of togetherness and an openness to change."

"We built on our common ground and are now ready to move forward as a collective leadership team"

"The day was a wonderful opportunity to share with each other, and to acknowledge the value of the gifts we will bring. The model of Head, Hearts and Hands was thoughtful and constructive."

"It was a very special day, and I personally gained much from spending the day with you all and feeling the power of the Holy Spirit going forward. I am excited about the letter we will be drafting for the church community using the Heads, Heart and Hands) I think if we share who we are, and our skills, (heads, hearts and hands), we will present a unified, humanised group and less remote. I also felt going back to the basics and extending a positive welcome at Mass times would work well. I started this on Saturday evening at Mass and had a chat with someone I didn't know."

"I was very much struck in how varied the gifts and skills were in the room. It was a pleasure to share with everyone in the calling to contribute to our parishes in this way."

"I was encouraged by the unity and enthusiasm of the council members and their eagerness to rest in the spirit for guidance and direction. I am excited about the future of our parishes within the Deanery and Diocese."

"My take-aways from our day together are really that it gave us a rare opportunity to connect with each other more deeply, away from the normal hustle and bustle. Some excellent ideas emerged from our discussions and reflection and I for one am excited to expand on these to help us build a strong and resilient parish community."